



## **RECONFIGURATION** Middle Working Committee

**REPORT To:** Reconfiguration Advisory Committee  
**REPORT Date:** September 12, 2017

### **Middle Working Committee Membership:**

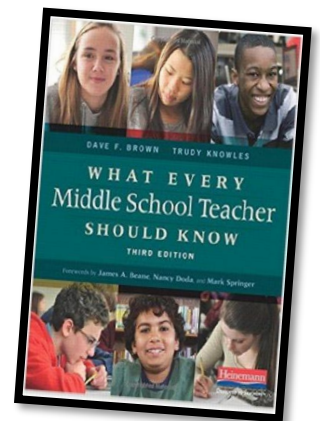
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MSMS	Danielle Wicker, Jana Clattenburg
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VMS	Carol Petek, Lisa Fugger
District Office	Kirk Savage (Advisory Member), Justin Moore, Joanne Britton

### The Middle Working Committee:

- Consists of one PVP and one teacher from each middle school.
- Will support successful *transitions* for students, teachers and parents, and define and promote middle school *philosophy*.
- Will meet regularly and communicate monthly with the Middle School Working Committees.
- Provides timely communication with parents, teachers, staff and community.
  - Methods include websites, school based communication, video presentations, parent nights etc.

### Meetings To Date:

- May 5, 2017
- May 23, 2017
- May 30, 2017
- June 19 – Pre-conference planning meeting





#### AMLE Conference in San Diego July 9 – 12, 2017

- 28 teachers, PVP and Exec
- Creation of the (DRAFT) Middle School Values, Vision and Mission Statement document (attached)

#### Top Priorities and Next Steps:

- Transitions
  - Staffing process to be defined by October 2017
  - Effective transition process for students in grades 5 & 6
- Middle School Philosophy

#### Draft Financial Commitments Connected to Priorities:

- Supporting two staff from each middle school to attend WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) training in January 2018 (Transitions)
- Resources (Transitions)
  - i.e. library books
- Parent Night speaker – to deliver a common message and common language at parent night events (Transitions/Philosophy)
- Professional Development (Philosophy)
  - i.e. Visits for teachers to schools in neighboring districts
- Resources for staff (Philosophy)

#### Support and Collaboration

- *What Every Middle School Teacher Should Know*, Dave F. Brown and Trudy Knowles, was purchased for all Middle PVP.
- Optional scheduled weekly meeting invitation with middle PVP for open conversation and updates.
- December 2017 - Two day retreat for 60 middle school teachers in Harrison.

#### Upcoming Working Committee Meetings:

- September 14<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Reconfiguration Meeting



Figure 1: The San Diego AMLE Team



## **DRAFT**

### **SD 33 Middle School Values, Vision and Mission Statement**

In Chilliwack, we believe that all young adolescent learners will succeed through developmentally appropriate educational experiences. Our Middle Schools are committed to practicing high quality instruction through a variety of meaningful learning experiences, creating strong connections within a safe and inclusive community and providing access to multiple support systems to meet the diverse needs of young adolescents.

To achieve this we commit to:

#### **Structures**

- Teaming – working with one or two other teachers to support a core group of students
- Exploratory – providing students the opportunity to sample high interest courses
- Advisory – dedicated instructional time with students to foster connectedness and positive relationships
- Collaboration – ongoing inquiry based team work

#### **Supports**

- Family and Community partnerships – remain critical to the success of every student
- School Based Team – specialist and core educators meeting to support individual students
- Response to Intervention – instructional interventions to support diverse student learning needs
- Quality and focused Pro-D – for teachers to further delve into middle learning and support evidence based practices